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FROM: Donald L. Wolfe  
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### **ALAMEDA CORRIDOR-EAST CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY REGULAR BOARD MEETING-APRIL 23, 2007**

On April 23, 2007, my staff attended the regular Board meeting of the Alameda Corridor East (ACE) Construction Authority. A copy of the agenda and adopted minutes of the March 26, 2007, regular Board meeting are attached. The following items were discussed at the meeting, which are of interest to the County.

**Agenda Item VI**—The Chief Executive Officer reported that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) is not expected to allocate funds from the Goods Movement Account of Proposition 1B in Fiscal Year 2007-08. The legislature may instead include funding for the Goods Movement Account in the Governor's May Revised Budget Proposal.

**Items VII & VIII**—In December 2006, the Board authorized a priority group of projects, which consist of the San Gabriel Trench project and two additional grade separations, to be identified once funding is better defined. To manage the additional design and construction workload, the Board approved staff's recommendation to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to add a Senior Project Manager staff position and to execute a contract with SV-CON, LLC for special consulting services on the San Gabriel Trench project.

**Item IX**—The Board approved staff's recommendation to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to amend the contract with HNTB Corporation for additional design services during the construction of Sunset Avenue Grade Separation project. The additional amount is not to exceed \$439,272, resulting in a new contract value of \$5,003,787.

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**Agenda Item X**—The Board approved staff's recommendation to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a Task Order in the amount of \$1,383,524 for construction management services with PB American, Inc., for the Temple Avenue Fourth Track Train Diversion project, resulting in a new contract value of \$8,745,396.

**Agenda Item XII**—ACE reported that the current cost estimate for Phase I of their plan of improvements, which consists of various grade separation projects in the San Gabriel Valley, has been revised from \$485.5 million to \$486.1 million due to additional utility relocations and right of way costs.

The next Board meeting will be held on May 21, 2007, at 2 p.m., at the Irwindale City Hall Council Chambers.

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
Executive Office



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### REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Monday, April 23, 2007 – 2:00 P.M.

Irwindale City Hall – Council Chambers

5050 Irwindale Avenue

Irwindale, CA 91706

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Members of the public may comment on any item on the agenda at the time it is taken up by the Board. We ask that members of the public come forward to be recognized by the Chair and keep their remarks brief. If several persons wish to address the Board on a single item, the Chair may impose a three-minute time limit on individual remarks at the beginning of the discussion.

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| I.    | Roll Call and Introductions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                 |
| II.   | Pledge of Allegiance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                 |
| III.  | Approval of Minutes of Meeting of March 26, 2007 (Pages 1-3)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Action          |
| IV.   | Public Comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                 |
| V.    | Chairman's Remarks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Information     |
| VI.   | Chief Executive Officer's Report (Pages 4-28 )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Information     |
| VII.  | Approval of Revised Staffing Plan (Page 29)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Action          |
| VIII. | Approval of Contract with SV-CON, LLC for Special Consulting on the San Gabriel Trench Project (Pages 30-34)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Action          |
| IX.   | Approval of Amendment for Design Services During Construction for the Sunset Avenue Grade Separation Project with HNTB Corporation (Pages 35-36)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Action          |
| X.    | Approval of Task Order for Construction Management Services for 4 <sup>th</sup> Track for the Temple Avenue Train Diversion Project with PB Americas, Inc. (Pages 37-38)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Action          |
| XI.   | State Transportation Legislation Update                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Information     |
| XII.  | Quarterly Project Progress Report (Pages 39-55)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Information     |
| XIII. | Quarterly Financial Progress Report (Pages 56-61)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Information     |
| XIII. | Closed Session: The Board will adjourn to closed session - Significant Exposure to Litigation, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b).<br>Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation:<br>Property Address: 111 S. East End Ave., Pomona, CA. (Quality Burger- Tenant)<br>Agency Negotiator: Mark Mendoza, Paragon Partners<br>Negotiating Parties: ACE Construction Authority and Javid Hashemi<br>Under Negotiation: Price & Terms | Possible Action |
| XIV.  | Adjournment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                 |

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The ACE Construction Authority is currently constituted of seven (7) member jurisdiction; the Cities of El Monte, Industry, Montebello, San Gabriel and Pomona, the County of Los Angeles and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. A San Bernardino County Council of Governments representative is an ex-officio Board member.

Each member or alternate has one vote. A quorum of the ACE Construction Authority is no less than four (4) of its total voting membership. Actions taken by the ACE Construction Authority shall be by simple majority of the members present with a quorum in attendance except for personnel actions, the annual budget, matters dealing with the Administrative Code or matters requiring subsequent approval by the SGVCOG, all of which shall require five (5) votes.



**ACE Construction Authority  
Regular Board Meeting  
March 26, 2007  
Minutes**

The Chair welcomed the Board to the City of El Monte and called the meeting to order at the El Monte City Hall at 2:00 PM. The Mayor introduced city staff at the meeting.

**1. In attendance were:**

Ernest Gutierrez, Chairman  
George Hunter, Vice Chair, Pomona  
Carol Herrera, Diamond Bar, SGVCOG  
Phil Marcellin, Industry  
Bob Bagwell, Montebello  
Michael Antonovich, Los Angeles County  
Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel

Staff

Rick Richmond, Chief Executive Officer  
Joe Silvey, Legal Counsel  
Sharon Neely, staff  
Lou Cluster, staff  
Girish Roy, staff  
Bruce Armistead, staff  
Cynthia Ambrose, staff  
Deanna Stanley, staff  
Chip Conway, staff

Guests

Jack Yoshino, City of Walnut  
Allen Ude, Los Angeles Public Works

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Member Hunter led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. Approval of Minutes of January 22, 2007**

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of January 22, 2007.  
M/S/C: Marcellin/Baldwin/Unanimous

**4. Public Comment**

Mr. Jim Ermigarat, E-Z Weigh Certified Public Scales addressed the Board with concerns of the effects of the Sunset Avenue grade separation project. He submitted a letter to the Board and stated that as a result of the construction on the Sunset Ave. project, his business has suffered a significant financial loss. He requested financial compensation for his loss and improved signage at the project location. Mr. Richmond indicated that there was a business outreach

program underway at the site, that staff had met with Mr. Ermigarat, and was prepared to discuss additional measures that could be taken to ensure that prior and potential future customers more aware that his business remained open and accessible. Staff will review and prepare a response to the letter.

#### **5. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Gutierrez reported that he, Board member Baldwin and Board Member Jeff Parriott attended meetings in Washington, DC to discuss pending FY '08 transportation appropriation funding and provide congressional members/staff an update of the ACE Project. He indicated the meetings went very well and the reception co-hosted by Foothill Transit and the San Gabriel Valley COG was very well attended. The Chairman indicated Congressmen Tom Petri, Jim Oberstar, David Dreier and Donald Payne attended along with many of their staff. The Chairman noted he was looking forward with fellow Board members to attend the upcoming Reservoir Dedication in memory of fellow Board Member and Mayor of Pomona Ed Cortez.

#### **6. Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Mr. Richmond summarized the report on page 6 of the agenda. He also noted that a memo had been distributed about the May 16th Sacramento legislative dinner held in conjunction with Foothill Transit, SGVCOG and San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership. He asked Board members traveling to Sacramento to let him know for scheduling purposes. Board Members Carol Herrera and Harry Baldwin indicated that they planned to attend the dinner and any scheduled briefings.

Bruce Armistead, Senior Project Manager reviewed progress photos for the Temple Avenue train diversion, and East End Avenue projects. Girish Roy reviewed the progress photos of the Brea Canyon Road grade separation project. Lou Cluster reviewed the progress photos of the Sunset Avenue grade separation project.

#### **7. Approval of Contract for Evaluation & Testing of Train Detector Devices**

Mr. Richmond indicated that the current train presence and speed detection consultant was in default and that staff was proposing a non-competitive procurement of a train presence and speed detection technology detection contract and to execute a contract with Automated Switching and Controls, Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed \$125,872. The scope of work will include a survey evaluation of five train detection technologies against the criteria in the original project scope and field test up to three of the most promising technologies. The staff report details the reasons why the sole source is warranted. A motion was made to approve a Statement of Determinations and findings for non-

competitive procurement of a train presence and speed detection technology evaluation contract for the Intelligent Roadway and Interface (IRRIS) demonstration project, and authorize the CEO to execute a contract with Automated Switching and controls, Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed \$125,872. There was no comment. M/S/C: Herrera/Hunter/Unanimous

**8. Approval of Positions on State Transportation Legislation**

Sharon Neely indicated that were nine bills shown on page 29-30 of the legislative matrix that could affect ACE activities. Six of the nine were spot bills. She summarized the bills. She indicated in preparation for traveling to Sacramento on May 16<sup>th</sup> that the Board approve the recommended positions on SB 974 (support); SB 56 (support-work with author); and SB 307 (work with author).

A motion was made to approve the ACE positions on pending state legislation shown on page 29-30 of the agenda. There was no comment.  
M/S/C: Baldwin/Marcellin/Unanimous

**9. SGVCOG Bylaw Changes Affecting the ACE Construction Authority**

Mr. Richmond reviewed the changes in the bylaws affecting the ACE Construction Authority and noted that these changes have been approved by the SGVCOG at their March 15th meeting. He indicated that there were no significant changes. There was no comment.

**10. Review of the Ramona Street Grade Separation Project**

Elmo Delos Santos, Resident Engineer for the Ramona Street grade separation project reviewed construction project photos.

**11. Construction Tour**

The Board adjourned at 2:55 PM and reconvened at 3:05 PM for a tour of the Ramona Blvd. grade separation construction project site.

**12. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn at 3:37 PM.  
M/S/C: Gutierrez/Baldwin/Unanimous